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SUBJECT: CABINDAN REFUGEES IN ZAIRE - VISIT OF UNHCR ASSISTANCE
DIVISION DIRECTOR JAEGER

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1. BELIEVE ISSUES RAISED REFTEL SHOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATELY
ADDRESSED THROUGH US MISSION GENEVA. MISSION WOULD THEN DIRECTLY
APPROACH JAEGER AND GET FULL DETAILS AND HIS FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS.
GIVEN CURRENT SITUATION IN ZAIRE AND FACT JAEGER GAVE US ONLY BRIEF
OVERVIEW, EMBASSY DOUBTS WHETHER WE CAN ELABORATE FURTHER ON
KENNEDY REPORT OR ON JAEGER'S COMMENTS.

2. HOWEVER, IN RESPONSE TO SOME OF QUESTIONS RAISED, FOLLOWING
ARE OUR REACTIONS:

3. DEPARTMENT'S INTERPRETATION PARA 7 REFTEL CORRECT THAT ALL
CABINDAN REFUGEES IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE ARE LOCATED WITHIN 20
KMS OF CABINDA BORDER. REFUGEE SITE LOCATIONS LISTED PARA 6
ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE. MORE PRECISE LOCATIONS: GANDA BEMBA AND
PALANGA NDENGA 3 KMS FROM BORDER, KARYI-TEMBE CAMP 11 KMS,
LUBOLO 10 KMS, KUIMBA 15 KMS, TSHELA 22 KMS AND MOANDA ABOUT
20 KMS.

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4. WE KNOW OF NO SPECIFIC REQUEST BY UNHCR DURING JAEGER VISIT
TO RELOCATE REFUGEES TO AREAS 20 KMS OR MORE FROM THE BORDER AND
CERTAINLY NO OFFER TO UNDERTAKE RELOCATION COSTS. BUKASSA,
COUNSELOR IN CHARGE OF ANGOLAN REFUGEES, OFFICE OF PRESIDENCY,
WAS FUNCTIONING AT TIME OF JAEGER VISIT, BUT WAS NOT AS FAR WE
AWARE, CONTACTED CONCERNING THIS QUESTION. WE ARE NOT SURE WHETHER

BUKASSA STILL FUNCTIONING NOW BUT WE ARE CHECKING.

5. MISSION DOUBTS THAT GOZ WOULD MAKE SERIOUS ATTEMPT TO RELOCATE REFUGEES AND 20 KM OR MORE DISTANCE REQUIREMENT SEEMS IMPRACTICAL AND PROBABLY NOT FEASIBLE. ALSO SHIFTING REFUGEES WOULD DENY THEM ACCESS TO RESPONSIVE MEDICAL CARE EFFORTS OF KUIMBA HOSPITAL. IN OUR OPINION JAEGER'S PROPOSED COURSE FOR RELOCATION WILL NOT MEET CURRENT HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS OF CABINDAN REFUGEES AND WOULD PROBABLY AGGRAVATE THE PROBLEM.

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